

MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
May 23, 2007

PRESENT: Donald Lyons, Chairperson
Wilma Brown
Charlotte Barkley
Joyce Bunn
Loretta Evans
Dr. Ohlen Wilson
Denice Olinger
BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison

ABSENT: Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist
Sandy Yates
Betty Meredith

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2. Chairperson, Donald Lyons, called the meeting to order and presided.

On a motion by Charlotte Barkley, and a second by Wilma Brown, the minutes from April 25, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

BJ McKnight mentioned the State application process. A suggestion was made that Don Lyons prepare a letter for the June meeting. A motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Dr. Wilson. The committee was in favor.

Dr. Mark Witherspoon gave an update on the changes to SWVTC Instruction 570's Restraint Formulary Review in reference to the mobile restraint chair and gurney transport. Loretta Evans made a motion to view the chair at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Barkley with the committee all in favor.

BJ McKnight introduced Michele Laird as the new Risk Manager. Michele gave a synopsis of the Facility Event Reports.

A motion was made by Dr. Wilson and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Closed Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A (4) and (15) for the purpose of hearing a follow-up report from Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services, on one abuse/neglect investigation and for the purpose of reviewing the restrictive behavior plans and/or medication reviews of residents. Such review would necessarily involve discussion and consideration of mental and medical records which are confidential and exempted from the Freedom of Information Act.

Following Larry Smith's report and the presentation of restrictive behavior plans/medication reviews, a motion was made by Loretta Evans and seconded by Charlotte Barkley that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

Upon reconvening in open session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session, were discussed in the Closed Session.

On a motion by Dr. Wilson and a second by Charlotte Barkley, the LHRC unanimously approved as presented individual programs presented by first names and register numbers for residents of Connections, New Horizons, and Pathways Cottages. The committee requested one behavior plan update in one month and one behavior plan update in three months. The LHRC requested a follow-up report from Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services, on the case which is going forth through the court system.

BJ shared a letter written by Sandy Yates. Ms. Yates addressed her service on the LHRC committee and acceptance of the Director of Nursing position at a nursing home in Sparta, NC.

BJ mentioned that the State Committee will meet soon. It is up to the committee members, if they want to attend.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2007.

A motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Wilma Brown that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

**SWVTC LHRC CLOSED SESSION ADDENDUM
MAY 23, 2007**

Dr. Mark Witherspoon

Presented (2) plans for Annual/Quarterly Review:

#174059, Kevin
#170010, Scottie

All plans were approved. No progress reports were requested.

Sharon Albertson

Presented (7) plans for Annual/Quarterly Review:

#568, Angela
#249858, Delores
#336, Wilbur
#707, David
#403, Terry
#320908, Thomas
#527, Gary

Presented (2) New Plans:

#407, Charles
#305835, Theresa

All plans were approved. One progress report, #407, was requested in three months.

Larry Myers

Presented (5) plans for Annual/Quarterly Review:

#270, Susan
#323626, Melody
#534, Johnnie
#534, Johnnie
#654, Tony

Presented (1) Update:

#203, Michael

All plans were approved. No progress reports were requested.

Greg Huff

Presented (8) plans for Annual/Quarterly Review:

#300344, Amanda
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#315529, Tim
#310694, Derek
#779, Nobel
#339, James
#317328, Mona
#652, Patricia

Presented (3) New Plans:

#333229, Linatte
#332276, Johnny
#502381, Della

All plans were approved. One progress report, #652, was requested in one month.